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MEMORANDUM

TO: Educational Service District Superintendents
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SUBJECT: Release of Directory Information to the U.S.
Armed Services and the Washington National Guard

The purpose of this memorandum is to remind school districts of their responsibilities, under Federal law, regarding the release of student directory information to military recruiters.

Under the Federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (Elementary and Secondary Education Act reauthorization), certain changes have been implemented and are described including requirements with which districts must comply.

Section 9528 of Title IX of H.R.1, Armed Forces Recruiter Access to Students and Student Recruiting Information

(a) Policy

- (1) Access to Student Recruiting Information (2)... "each local education agency receiving assistance under this Act shall provide, on a request made by military recruiters or an institution of higher education, access to secondary school students' names, addresses, and telephone listings."
- (2) Consent – A secondary school student or the parent of the student may request that the student's name address, and telephone listing described in paragraph (1) not be released without prior written parental consent, and the local education agency or private school shall notify parents of the option to make a request and shall comply with any request.

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- (3) Same Access to Students – Each local education agency receiving assistance under this Act shall provide military recruiters the same access to secondary school students as is provided generally to post secondary educational institutions or to prospective employers of those students.
- (b) Notification – the Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense, shall, not later than 120 days after the date of enactment, (January 8, 2002), of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, notify principals, school administrators, and other educators about the requirements of this section.
- (c) Exception – The requirements of this section do not apply to a private secondary school that maintains a religious objection to service in the Armed Forces if the objection is verifiable through the corporate or other organizational documents or materials of that school.

Annually, the Interservice Recruitment Committee (IRC), composed of the U.S. Armed Services and the Washington National Guard, contact public and private secondary schools, seeking student specific directory information (name, address, and phone). The IRC chair will ensure distribution of all lists received to the individual service branches and recruiters.

For further information regarding this issue, visit the U.S. Department of Education website at www.ed.gov/index.jsp.